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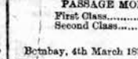

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THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 3rd day of April, sale commencing at 1 p.m. at his residence, No. 13, Middle Colaba, the valuable Auction, of [illegible] household furniture, &c., of Surgeon Major and handsome [illegible] leaving Bombay, the same comprising cut-glassware, Wade, [illegible] dinner, dessert and breakfast services, best hard-[illegible]-plated spoons and forks, cruets, tickler and cork electric [illegible] fine [illegible], toast rack, salver, dish covers, butter-cooler, silver [illegible], and chamber candlesticks, cutlery, and handsomely carved and [illegible] rough polished blackwood furniture, such as [illegible] table, drawing-room, [illegible] sofas, washing and dressing tables, conversation and reclining couches, drawing-room easy arm and without arm chairs, sideboard, teapoy, chiffonière, hat stands screens, [illegible] and [illegible] tea, dressing glass bedstead, chest of drawers, clothes press, wardrobe, pictures, flower vase, bath dispense and cookroom furniture and utensils, &c., &c.

At 2 P.M.

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AUCTION SALE of handsome household furniture, plated, glass and porcelain wares, books, &c., of a deceased gentleman.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 4th April, sale commencing at 2 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their rooms the household furniture, &c., of a deceased gentleman, the same comprising star cut-glassware, dinner and dessert service, best electro-plated spoons and forks, salver, table and chamber candlesticks, ivory handled table cutlery, a set of blackwood dining table in 3 pieces, dining-room chairs, writing table, halstand, sideboard, screen, wardrobe, clothes press, cupboard, dressing, washhand tables, dressing glass, fowel horse, footpost bedstead, cradles, hanging argand lamp, pictures, cooking utensils, reading books, &c.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 3rd April 1876.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY EVENING, 1st APRIL 1876.

THE Liverpool Cotton Market on Friday closed dull, sales 10,000 bales, and to-day's report is again dull, sales only 6,000 bales. Spot quotations are unchanged throughout, but arrivals are more difficult of sale and generally 1/16d. lower, making a decline of quite 3/16d. to ¼d. per lb. from the highest point reached ten days ago. This reaction is not difficult to account for. The American receipts during the week have been comparatively heavy and the arrivals here have also been large, while in the ordinary course of things a recoil was to be expected after the rapid and continuous rise of the previous three weeks. At 4d. per lb. for Fair Omrawuttee it is possible that prices had been depressed below their legitimate level, but a recovery of 20 per cent. materially altered the relative positions of prices and supplies, and rendered a fall from the highest point as likely and perhaps as justifiable as the previous recovery from the bottom. It seems now beyond doubt, that the exports hence this season will fall very much short of last, probably by 250,000 to 300,000 bales; but on the other hand the excess in American will be at least 600,000 bales and it is a question, whether, if last season gave us an average of 5d. per lb. per Fair Dhollera, 4¼d. is not high enough in the altered position of supply and demand.

The visible supply of Cotton for all Europe on the 31st ultimo compares with the two previous years as follows:—

	1876	1875	1874
Total Supply of all kinds	2,860,000	2,852,070	2,893,520
,, ,, Surats	400,000	681,190	668,010

For the U. K. alone the figures are:—

Stock in Liverpool... ...	755,000	907,820	750,950
,, London	56,500	106,860	179,970
American Afloat	370,000	209,000	304,000
East Indian do.	130,000	217,000	186,000
	1,311,500	1,440,680	1,420,920
Price of Mid. Orleans.....	6d.	8 1-16d.	8 5-16d
,, Fair Dhollera ...	4 11-16d.	5d.	5d.
Difference ...	2 7-16d.	2 13-16d.	2 13-16d.

From New York yesterday's telegram still quotes Mid.-Uplands on the spot at 13¾ cents, but May shipment is at 13 11/16 cents, a further decline of ¼ cent. per lb. Gold and Exchange on London are unaltered. The receipts of Cotton at the U. S. ports to date are as follows:—

	1876	1875	1874
Week's Receipts.....	62,000	40,000	50,000
,, Exports to U.K.....	48,000	28,000	36,000
,, ,, Continent ..	28,000	24,000	37,000
Total Receipts since 1st Sep.	3,758,000	3,184,000	3,419,000
,, Exports to U. K. ,, ...	1,537,000	1,402,000	1,460,000
,, ,, Continent ,, ...	1,024,000	684,000	773,000
,, Stocks at the Ports.....	627,000	619,000	691,000

Piece Goods in Manchester yesterday were dull but unaltered in price. The London Coffee Market Reuter reported quiet but steady, while quoting a decline of 5s. per cwt.. in Mid. Plantation Ceylon and 1s per cwt. in Good Ordinary Native. Cocoanut Oil and Seeds were unaltered.

Bar Silver was quoted by Reuter yesterday at 53¼d. per oz., but private telegrams gave this rate on the previous day. Consols this morning were at 91½; French Rentes at 105.

The Oriental Bank has declared a dividend for the half year at the rate of 11 per cent per annum. Although comparing very favourably with other institutions this shows a slight falling off, from 12 per cent which had come to be regarded as the normal dividend of this institution.

STERLING EXCHANGE to-day has shown a decidedly weaker tendency and at the close rates as compared with yesterday show a partial decline of 1/16d. in Bank Bills and a full ¼d. in private paper. Very little has been done comparatively speaking, there being almost no demand for Bank Bills, while sellers of other paper are still reluctant to accept even the reduced rates current and to this firmness on their part the downward movement is partially due. The chief influence however is to be found in the additional information as to the future afforded by the "Financial Statement" issued in Calcutta yesterday and which is generally interpreted as warranting a decidedly lower level of Exchange. Government has decided, and we think wisely, not to attempt any special legislation with reference to the depreciation in the value of the rupee, and the only loan which will be brought out in London this year will be £2,640,000, nearly the whole of which has already been anticipated by the suspension of Council drawings for the past two months. From this and the fact of the Secretary of State's drawings being put down at 15½ millions in which a loss in Exchange of 2-¼ millions is calculated, making the rupee equal to 1s. 8¼d., it is apparent that the drawings are to be resumed in the usual way, and in all probability the full amount advertised for the 5th instant will be allotted. As things now stand 1s. 8¼d. will probably be obtained at this week's biddings especially for telegraphic transfers, but we question very much whether the eventual average for the year may not be nearer 1s. 7½d. per rupee. It has been shown very clearly that with the drawing entirely suspended the Banks have been able to secure a very large amount of Silver at an average of certainly not over and probably considerably under 1s. 8¼d. per rupee, and if this has been practicable without the drawings to fall back upon it is little short of an absurdity to estimate the same level when Council drafts and Silver again compete with each other as a medium of remittance. We have heard a great deal from time to time about the difficulty of obtaining any amount of Silver in the London Market, but in some way or another and as we have said, at a comparatively moderate cost, a large total has been bought. At the present moment there is no less than £478,000 on the way to this port alone and £88,000 to Calcutta which is merely the shipments of a month, and if we add to this the shipments during February about £215,000, with what has been received from China it will be seen that the suspension of the drawings has been the means of bringing upwards of a million sterling in Silver to the country more than would otherwise have come. In other words Government by their action have induced remitters to lessen the demand for Council drafts by that amount.

To-day's rates for Bills on London are:—

Bank Bills, on demand. ...	1s. 8 9/16d. to ⅜ per Rupee.	
Ditto, 6 months' sight ...	1s. 8 15/16d. to 1s. 9d.	,,
Credits, 3 months' sight ...	1s. 8 15/16d.	,,
Documents, 3 months' sight ...	1s. 9d.	,,

On Calcutta there has been less pressure to sell and we now quote demand at 99⅜; 60 days' sight 98¾.

GOVERNMENT PAPER has not benefited so far from the intimation that no further rupee loans were to be issued this year. Buyers still keep out of the market and rates are quite nominal:—Fours, Rs. 99; Fours-and-a half, Rs. 100; Fives-and a half, Rs. 101¾.

SHARES are dull and in some instances lower in value. Spinning concerns have found more sellers than buyers and we quote a decline of Rs. 20 in Dhurrumseys, Rs. 10 in Khandeish Spinning, Rs. 25 in Madras Spinning and Rs. 5 per share in Manockjee Petits. Bank of Bombays are steady at an improvement of ¼ per cent.

COTTON has evinced increased weakness to-day, there have been few buyers and prices are quite Rs. 2 per candy lower all round. The arrivals yesterday were moderate, 8 909 bales, and there is no pressure of ready Stocks in the Market, but dealers show more inclination to make forward contracts especially in Dhollera descriptions which looks like anticipated full supplies later on. In the Dhollera districts Cholera still retards the marketing of the crop, Broach is said to be almost at an end, and in the Berars the present comparatively liberal arrivals are reported to be merely the beginning of the end, but even allowing for all this we must nevertheless have large receipts of Cotton here up to the beginning of June and very little being sold in advance, dealers will now become readier sellers. To-day's prices are Akola Rs. 183, Fully Good Fair Omra Rs. 179, Good Fair Rs. 174, Fair, Rs. 168, Fully Good Fair Dhollera Rs. 182, Good Fair Rs. 176 per candy full-pressed; Ginned Broach Rs. 196 to Rs. 198, Mowa Rs. 181 to Rs. 183 per candy half-pressed.

In Freights, by steamer, there has been decidedly more business doing at £1-17-6 for Liverpool, and some consignees have declined to go on at that rate, but with the present quantity of disengaged tonnage in harbour we are not likely to see any material advance. By Cape we still quote £2 to £2-1-3 for iron and £1-17-6 for wooden ships.

PIECE GOODS continue dull, with, if anything, a downward tendency. The tightness in the Money Market, not only here but throughout the country prevents up-country buyers from operating with any degree of freedom and unless under the influence of very strong advices from Manchester we do not seem likely to have active markets here for the remainder of the season.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE BARQUE RENE, 383 tons, Captain A. Rosel, will sail to-day for False Point, in ballast.

THE SHIP MALMERBY 1,510 tons, Captain J. Mackay, will sail to-day for Madras, in ballast.

THE BARQUE EXCELSIOR, 388 tons, Captain F. Edgar, will sail to-day for Falmouth with a cargo of 2,400 bales cotton.

THE SHIP CLYDESDALE, 1,823 tons, Captain J. K. Hayfield, will sail to-day for London and Hull, with a cargo of 50,577½ cwts. linseed.

THE BARQUE QUEEN OF CEYLON, 432 tons, Captain James S. Scott, will sail to-day for Amsterdam, with a cargo of 2 850 bales cotton.

THE S. S. LUMLEY CASTLE, 1,076 tons, Captain M. Browne, sailed on Saturday last for Marseilles via Kurrachee and the Suez Canal, in ballast.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s S. S. KHANDALLA, 1 318 tons, Capt G. W. Wicks, sailed on Saturday last for Coast and Calcutta, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—For Telicherry—Mr. R. Hamilton. For Alleppy.—Mr. Roberts, and Mr. J. Campbell. For Beypore.—Mrs. Spencer and infant. For Cannanore.—Mrs. J. Hulet. For Colombo.—Mr. and Mrs. Edginton and two children. For different ports.—Forty deck passengers.

ARRIVALS.

April	Vessels.	Commanders	From.
1	Arabia s	Rolla	Genoa, Mar 5.
2	Blenheim(s)	Bovey	Singapore, Mar 6.

DEPARTURES.

April	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destinations.
1	...una'a(s)	Cobourn	Genoa, &c.
	Emperor	Johnson	Falmouth.
	Mimingu	Phillips	Havr .
	Khandalla (s)...	Wicks	Coast and Calcutta.
	Lumley Castle (s)	Browne	Marseilles via Kurrachee.

The following vessels obtained their port clearance on Saturday last:—

Ship Melmerby, Mackay, to Madras.
Ship Clydesdale, Hatfield, to London and Hull.
Barque Queen of Ceylon, Scott, to Amsterdam.
Barque [illegible], Edgar, to [illegible].

The following vessels were entered out for loading on Saturday last:—

Steamer Ettore, to Trieste, &c.
Ship Aldergrove, to Liverpool.
Ship St George, to Antwerp.
Ship Valiant, to Havre.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Mar.		
28	Socotra(s).....	Starratt ..... Bombay, Mar 4.
	British Consul	Green ..... Melbourne, Dec 21.

DEPARTURES.

Mar.			
28	Mahratta (s)	.....	.....
	Orissa (s).....	.....	.....
	Yorkshire (s).....	.....	.....

DAILY IMPORTS.—APRIL 1.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Arch Druid s—5 packages earthenware, Jaffer Rowtoola.
Clive s, 7 cases leather strapping, Joseph Soares and Co.

FROM LONDON.

India s—61 cases old tom, Eduljee Rustonjee Mody.
R jpoot—100 cases brandy, Jamsetjee Nowrojee.
Colomb s—15 cases brandy, Cutler, Palmer and Co.
Manzaleh s—200 cases brandy, Cutler, Palmer and Co.
Ettore s—130 cases apples, A G Gum ert.

The following cases of wine and spirits were passed from the Custom House from the 22d to 31st March 1876, by Cutler, Palmer and Co:—

Cuttack s—5 cases unite., 58 cases sher y, 2 cases cura oa and 50 cases brandy. Ezi King s—5 casks cognac, 2 cases rum Jamaic., 1 hhd cognac, and 4 case scotch whisky. Hindostan s—48 cases brandy. Venetia s—40 cases claret. Parsee s—8 cases port and 10 cases rum pine apple. Abydos s—1 hhd sherry and 2 cases pipes port. J C Stevenson s—204 cases cognac. Tartar s—54 cases unite. Manzaleh s—200 cases brandy. Colombo s—15 cases brandy.

DAILY EXPORTS.—APRIL 1.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Flying Venus—1,334 bags linseed Killick, Nixon and Co.
British Ambassador—40 bales cotton, Finlay Scott and Co.
Helen S ott—250 bales cotton Campbell, Mitchell and Co.
Prince Oscar—683 bundles coir yarn. Hajee Mitha Cassum; 131 bags myrabollams, 28 bags nuxvomica and 24 bags rape seed, Dayal Dhanjee.
Persia—250 cwts myrabollams, Runchordass Tooleedass.
Caradoc s—98 bags linseed, Killick, Ni on and Co.; 210 bags wheat, Stanton Hobart and Co; 60 b les wool, Lalljee Megjee; 80 bales wool, Keswo se Poorjia.
H Hoofstaes—200 bale cotton, Gaddum and Co; 50 bales cotton Peel, Cassels and Co.
Dunraven s—43 b les wool, Hurjeevan Vussonjee; 50 bales wool, Peruz Luckmidass; 40 bales wool, Mulkowdass Ladha; 70 bales cotton, Vulubdass Vundravandass; 362 bales cotton, D D Ghandy and Co; 13 bales wool, Luckmeechund Roopchund.
Egbert s—371 bags myrabollams, Remington and Co; 300 bags linseed, Gordhun Dungersey; 200 bales hemp, Nuthoo Soondersee.
Macedonia s—60 bales wool, Khimsi Lackmedass and Co; 150 bales cotton, Bechardas Ambaidass; 100 bales cotton, Finlay Muir and Co; 253 bales cotton, Gordhun Bhoja and Co; 230 bale cotton, J C Bomby and Co; 360 bales cotton, Lyon and Co; 6 bales wool, Samjee Veerjee; 60 bal s wool, Kessowjee Poonja.
Guy Mannering s—100 bales cotton, Goculdass Cullianjee; 200 bales cotton, Greaves, Cotton and Co.; 94 bales cotton Ragoonee Ramjee; 41 bales cotton, Bhaee Rhaee s and Co; 2,000 bundles coir yarn, Veerjee Vulubdass.

FOR LONDON.

Siam s—37 bundles coofs, Sulleman Hassum; 9 bales skins Hajee Hoosein Golerda; 10 bundles hides, Ebram Noorma hai el; 7 bales hides, Ebram Peerbhoy; 12 bales hides, V H R M M Chitty and Co.
Xanto s—742 bundles rattans, Curseondass Nensey.
Nubia s—6 bundles ivory, Allybhoy Momedjee; 14 lbs tortoise shell, Dhromsey Veljee; 18 cases mother of pearl shells, Dhrumsey Veljee; 17 cases horn tails, Peerbhoy Assur.
Venetia s—1 box gold coin, Framjee Sands and Co; 3 boxes gold bars and coin and 15 boxes silver coins, The C M Bank of I L and China.

FOR HULL.

Clydesdale—385 bags linseed, Wallace and Co.

FOR PORT SAID.

Kingston s—300 bales cotton, Knoop and Co.
Romulus s—5,000 bags linseed, Wallace and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Octavia—620 bales cotton, Jules, Siegfried and Co.
Xantho s—317 bags pepper, Vissy and Co; 400 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

Venetia s—250 bales cotton, W Nicol and Co.
Ettore s—350 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 300 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR VENICE.

Ettore s—110 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR ODESSA.

Ettore s—500 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Hindostan s—50 cwts sandalwood, S N Tolatee; 7 bales twist, Mooljee Luckmedass; 11 bales twist, Ebram Noordin and Co; 30 bales twist, Jairambhoy Peerbhoy; 27 chests opium, Pursookdass Chimonram; 22 chests opium, Hajee Abdoola Noormahamed; 6 chests opium, Nopechund Gumbhdass; 21 chests opium, Jairamnath Ramjee; 31 chests opium, Ramoorie Ramdayal; 283 chests opium, S reeram Paldeo; 363½ chests opium, David Sassoon and Co; 22 chests opium, Terachund Luchmenaran; 17 chests opium, Tarachund Rambhunder; 14 chests opium, Lalljeemull Heeralall; 89 chests opium, E D Sassoon; 10 chests opium, Hajee Jon Momed Abdool Khaluk; 8 bales twist, C Bejanjee; 4 cases skins, Ahmedbhoy Haibhbhoy; 45 chests opium, N J Abram; 12 chests opium, Hanumntram Hurdewdass; 15 chests opium, Ramdayal Luchmenaran; 24 chests opium, Ramjuriap Calooram.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Hindostan s—4 chests opium, Kirpatram Hunmuntram; 13 chests opium Hunmuntram Hurdewdass.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

BOMBAY, 31st March.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected	29·806
Temperature of the Air	79·5
Wet Bulb Thermometer	73·2
Dew Point	70·7
Relative humidity of Air	75·0
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=8).	1·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 9-30 a.m. on following day)	83·8
Minimum do. do	74·3
General Direction of wind	WNW, NW, N, ESE. NW, WNW.
Movement of wind in 24 hours	201

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—MARCH 31.

Foss, Capt., Bengal 34th Regt., on leave, from Deolalee.
Hayward, Capt., Bengal 26th Regt., on leave, from Deolalee.
Egerton, Capt., Bengal Rifle Brigade, on leave, from Deolalee.
Ward, Lieut., Bengal Rifle Brigade, on leave, from Deolalee.
Saunders, Capt., Bombay 69th Regt., on duty, from Deolalee.
Bill, Lieut., Bombay 106th Regt., on leave, from Mhow.
Park, Lieut Col, Bombay 12th Regt N I, on leave, from Dharwar.
Cook, Capt., Bengal 14th Sikhs, on furlough, from Peshawar.
Peters, Surg, Bombay 2nd (P. W. O.) Grenadiers, on leave, from Poona.

APRIL 1.

Clements, Maj r, Bengal 51st Light Infa try, on sick leave, from Peshawar.
Murra , Conductor, Be gal D. P. W., on furlo gh, from Sitapur (Lucknow).
Cowell, Surg Major, Madras 4th Light Cavalry, on leave, from B-l ary.
Smart, Capt, Bengal 54th Regt, on leave, from Morar.

DEPARTURES.—MARCH 31.

Castell, Major, Bombay 1st Belooch Regt, to join, to Hyderabad Sind.

APRIL 1.

Peyre, Capt, Bombay Staff Corps, on furlough, to England.
Christian, Surg, Bengal Medical Service, on furlough, to England.
Phelps, Lieut, Bombay Infantry, on furlough, to England.
Strong, Major, Bom ay Staff Corps, on furlough, to England.
Peters, Surg, Bombay 2nd (P W O) Grenadiers, from leave, to Poona.

APRIL 2.

Bird, Lieut, Bengal 4th Cavalry H C, on leave, to Hingolee.

BOMBAY ARMY ORDERS.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters.

POONA, 1st April 1876.

The Com-G is pleased to make the following appointments:—
12th Regt N I Col Hogg, Second in Command, 27th N I, to officiate as Comdt, vice Col Champ on on furlough, Lt Col Heathcote, Wing Officer, to be second in Command, vice Lt Col Pogs who retires from the 3rd April., Maj A T Reid, Rg Wing Officer, is confirmed in the appointment, vice Lt Col Heathcote.
15th Regt N I.—Col G S Morris, Infantry, to be second in Command vice Lt Col Currie, who retires on 1st April.
Maj J Barnes, S C I., placed on general duty, Poona.
The undermentioned officers are turned to duty by permission of the Secretary of State for India, on the 23rd March 1876:—
Maj J H Ogstell, S C, Wing Officer, 27th Regt N I.
The undermentioned Medi Officers are appointed to do duty with the Troops proceeding to Eng and in H M's Indian Troop ship Crocodile, on the 7th inst.:—
Surgn Maj F Oakes, Surgn J G Leask, Surgn W P Smith, Surgn W Elgee, and Surgn R Murphy.
Maj A Utterson, Wing Officer 15th N I, officiated as Comdt, Capt W F Sandwith Adjt, as Second in Command; and Capt W R Trevelyan, 1st Wing Subn, as Wing Officer; the two latter in addition to their respective duties, from the 18th to the 20 h March 1876.
The following order is confirmed:—
Northern Division Order, dated 23rd March 1876, appointing Lt A W Anckeitil, 83rd Foot, to Command the Teetlul Sanitarium from the 26th March 1876.
The Regtl Order, 27th N I, confirmed in G G C No 186, 25th March, has effect from the 21st and not from the 17th March as therein stated.
The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—
Royal Artillery—Lt B W P Robertson (R Bty 9th Bgde) to Bombay for 15 days, from date of departure, to appear before the standing Medical Committee.
The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—
Staff Corps—Major A R Wilson, Wing Officer, 7th N I, for 10 days from date of departure, preparatory to proceeding on furlough to Europe.
Capt C O Y Butler, 1st Wing Subn, 2nd N I, (Grenadiers) in extension from 6th to 21st Dec 1875, to enable him to rejoin.

BENGAL GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF BENGAL.

(Calcutta Gazette, March 29.)

REVENUE AND GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.

Mr Francis Johnston Graham Campbell, Offg Joint Mag and Depy Colr, Patna, is appointed to have charge of the Bettiah division of the Chumparun Dist, with effect from the date on which he assumed charge of that subdivision.

Mr J M Lowis, Dist and Sessions Judge of Bhaugulpore, is allowed leave for three months, under Sec 12, Chapter VI of the Civil Leave Code, with effect from the 7th April 1876, or any subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Mr E S Wesley, Joint-Mag and Depy Colr, Durbhanga, is appointed to act as Dist and Sessions Judge Bhaugulpore during the absence, on leave, of Mr J M Lowis, or until further orders.

Mr J P Grant, Offg Dist sessions Judge of Mymensingh, is appointed to officiate in the grade of Judges during the absence, on leave, of Mr J W Lowis, or until further orders.

Mr J Trevelyan, B A, Offg Under-Secy to the Govt of Bengal, is allowed leave for three months, under Sect 21, Chapter VI of the Civil Leave Code, with effect from the 17th April next, or any subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Mr Jenn a Anadoi Mookherjea, Actg Asst Secy to the Govt of Bengal, is allowed leave for three months, under Sec 21, Chapter VI of the Civil Leave Code, with effect from the 17th April 1876, or any subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

The services of Mr Coleman Patrick Lewis Macaulay, B A, Offg Joint-Mag and Depy Colr, 24-Pergunnahs, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of India, in the Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce Dept, with effect from the 31st inst.

Mr Henry Murray Tobin, Asst Mag and Colr, in charge of the Revenue Division of the Burdwan Dist, is transferred to the 24-Pergunnahs.

Mr F Wyse, C S, reported his departure from India on furlough on the 16th March 1876.

Mal James Sconce, Depy Supt of Revenue Survey in the Shahabad district, is vested with the powers of a Depy Colr under Regulation IX of 1833.

Mr Edmond Bracon Godfrey, Depy Mag and Depy Colr, Hooghly, is appointed to have charge of the Ranegunge division of the Burdwan Dist, vice Mr H M Tobin, transferred.

Mr Harry Le, Asst Mag and Colr, Howrah, is appointed to act temporarily as an Asst Secy to the Govt of Bengal during the absence, on deputati n, of Mr J A Bourdillon, or until further orders.

Mr R S T MacEwen, a Judge of the Small Cause Court, Calcutta, reported his departure from India on furlough on the afternoon of the 20th Mar 1876.

An extension of leave for six months on medical certificate has been granted to Mr J H W Clark, Asst Supt of Police, by the Right Hon the Secy of State for India.

The furlough for one year granted to Mr John Lambert, Depy Comr of Police, Calcutta, under Sec 7, Supplement F of the Civil Leave Code, in orders of the 23th Feb last, published in the "Calcutta Gazette" of the 22 March 1874, is commuted to furlough under Sec 10 of the Code.

Mr Charles Emile Fabre-Tonnerre, Asst Supt of Police, Cuttack, is transferred to Backergunge.

Mr T. Minos, Civil Medical Officer, Maida, is appointed to be a member of the District School Committee of that place.

The following promotions in the Bengal Educational Service are made with effect from the date of Mr Bellett's departure:—

Mr G Bellett, M A, Principal, Berhampore College, to the second class of the Bengal Educational Service.

Mr S P Downing, B A, Professor, Civil Engineering Dept, Presidency College, to the third class of the Bengal Educational Service.

Mr W Griffiths, M A, Professor, Civil Engineering Dept, Presidency College, is appointed to act, until further orders as Principal of the Hooghly College, with effect from the afternoon of the 20th inst.

Mr H F Drummond, Asst Sub-Depy Opium Agent, Monghyr, was on leave without pay for a fortnight, under Sec 9, Supplement F of the Civil Leave Code, from the 31st Feb to 8th April 1876, inclusive.

Surg [illegible], [illegible], until further orders as Civil Surg n of Chittagong.

Surgn Maj David Boyes Smith, M D, Offg Civil Surgn of Dacca, is appointed to be Principal of the Calcutta Medical College, Professor of Medicine in the College, and ex-officio First Physician of the College Hospital from the date on which the retirement of Dr Norman Chevers takes effect.

Mr R B Yates, Offg First Asst Master Attendant, is appointed to act as Govt Prosecutor for the trial of Pilots, under Sec 4, Act XII, of 1855.

Capt J V Falle, Depy Conser and Harbour Master of the Port of Calcutta, is allowed furlough for a period of twenty months, under Sec 7, Supplement F of the Civil Leave Code, together with subsidiary leave for a period not exceeding thirty days, with effect from such date as he may avail himself of it.

The Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation tendered by Mr N Macmichael of his appointment as a Commissioner for making improvements in the Port of Calcutta.

Mr George Ruffle is appointed, under the provisions of Section 2, Act V (B C) of 1870, to be a Commissioner for making improvements in the Port of Calcutta, vice Mr N Macmichael, resigned.

Mr R F H Pughe, Offg Dist Supt of Police, who has been transferred, under orders of the Chief Comr, from Go-lpara to Sibsagar, assumed charge of Office in that latter Dist from Mr H A Compton, Dist Supt of Police, on the afternoon of the 5th Feb 1876.

ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

(Adjutant General's Office, Simla, 23rd March 1876.)

The following orders are confirmed:—

Meerut Division Order, dated the 6th March 1876, directing Brdr Genl H R Browne, Comdg Agra Bgde, to assume command of the division, consequent on the departure on preparatory leave of Major Genl The Hon A E Hard inge, C B.

Allahabad Division Order, dated the 28th Feb 1876, directing the following medical arrangements:—

Surgn M J T Gleeson, on being relieved of the medical charge of the Sist N I, to proceed to Agra for medical charge of the 9th N I.

Mecan Mee- Brigade Order, dated the 9 h March 1876, directing Col F W Swinhoe, R A, to assume command of the station, consequent on the departure of Lt Genl Sir Charles Reid, K C B, on inspection duty.

Allahabad Brigade Order, dated the 24th Feb 1876, directing Col E S Jackson, Bengal Infty, to assume command of the station, consequent on the departure of Maj Genl Sir James Brind, K C B, on inspection duty.

Dhurmsala Station Order, dated the 8th March 1876, directing Capt G Young, 1st Goorkha Regiment, returned from service in Perak, to resume his duties as Station Staff Officer.

Jubbulpore Station Order, dated the 14th March 1876, directing Col W H Lowther, Bengal Infy, to assume command of the station, consequent on the departure of Brdr-Genl R Hume, C B, on inspection duty; and Capt H G Stevens, 3rd Mad Lt Cavy, to officiate as Station Staff fficer, in addition to his other duties, during the absence of Capt H G Warefield, Bgde Maj, on duty with Brdr Genl.

Shahjahanpur Station Order, dated the 24th Feb 1876, appointing Surgn Maj E A Fitzgerald to the medical charge of the left half battal on 29th Pun ab N I, with effect from the 10th inst.

13th Hussars—Reg l Order dated the 15th March 1876 appointing the following committee of paymastership, with effect from the 9th idem, consequent on the death of Paymaster J FitzGerald:—

Capt and Lt-Col B C Russell, C B, President.
Capt R H Fyler, and Lt H F Lane, members.
Lt Lane to act as Paymaster, on the responsibility of the committee.

7th Bengal Cavalry—Regtl Order, dated the 13th March 1876, appointing Lt E F J eC Rennick, Offg 1st Sqdn Subn, to officiate as 3rd Sqdn Officer, in addi ion to his other duties, with effect from the 12th idem, vice Capt A J T Welchman, proceeding on leave to Bombay, to appear before a medical board.

9th Bengal Cavalry—Regtl Order, dated the 6th March 1876, appointing Lt H H Sc ll, Offg 2nd Sqdn Subn, to officiate as Adjt, in addition to his other duties, vice Capt J L N Willis, proceeded on furlough.

1st Native Infantry—Regtl Order, dated the 2nd March 1876, making the f llowing appointments, consequent on the departure of Maj L H P De H Larpent, Wing Officer and Offg 2nd in Command, and Capt Mahony to furlough:—

Capt G Atkins, 1st Wing Subn and Offg Wing Officer, to officiate as 2nd in Command, in addition to his duties as 1st Wing Subn.

Lt J A Miley, Adjt, to officiate as Wing Officer, in addition to his other duties.

9th Native Infantry—Regtl Order, dated the 6th March 1876, making the following appointments, consequent on the departure of Lt-Col T E Webster, 2nd in Command and Wing Officer, on leave to Bombay, to appear before a medical board:—

Capt F F Jacob, Wing Officer, to officiate as 2nd in Command and Wing Officer.

Capt R A Price, Adjutant, to officiate as Wing Officer.

Lt H A Woodhouse, Qrmr, to officiate as Adjt.

Lt A T Weller, 1st W ng Subn, to officiate as Qrmr.

Lt C W Trevelyan, 2nd Wing Subn, to officiate as 1st Wing Subn, in addition to his other duties.

16th Native Infantry—Reg l Order, dated the 1st March 1876, making the following appointments, consequent on the departure on furlough to E rope, of Maj W G Cubitt, V C, Wing Officer:—

Capt R H Sa kild to officiate as Wing Officer, in addition to his duties as 1st Wing Subn.

Capt J W A Michell, attached, to officiate as Adjt.

34th Native Infantry—Regtl Order, dated the 6th March 1876, making the following appointments, consequent on the departure, on furlough, of Col R P Anderson, Comdt:—

Col C C Dandridge, 2nd in Command and Wing Officer, to officiate as Comdt.

Maj G V Pasley, Wing Officer, to officiate as 2nd in Command.

Capt H W J Senior, Offg 1st Wing Subn, to officiate as Wing Officer.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—

1 14th Foot—Capt H M'L Hutchison, to remain in England for four months on private affairs, in extension of the leave granted him by G O C in C, dated the 31st March 1875, p 127.

2-15th Foot—Lt M Murphy, from, the 27th to the 30th Jan in extension of the leave granted him by G O C in C of the 28th June 1875, to enable him to rejoin.

44th Foot—Lt S Churchill, (Instructor of Musketry) to England, for fifteen months from date of embarkation, on private affairs.

1 t P Edgcumble, to England, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

45th Foot—Lt L W B Sparrow, to England, from date of embarkation, to appear bef re a medical board.

65th Foot—Lt S D Crookenden, to the port of embarkation, for one month from date of av iling himself of it; and thence to England, for twelve months from date of embarkation on private affairs.

66th Foot—Surgn Maj r K Birnie, to England, for 6 months from date of embarkation, on urgent private affairs.

92nd Foot—Lt Col A W Cameron, to remain in England, on private affairs, from the 9th May t the 9th August next, in extension of the leave granted him by G O C in C of the 26th Nov 1875, p 805.

4th Ba talion Rifle Brigade,—Capt (Local Maj) the Hon C E Edwardes, to the port of embarkation, for one month from date of availing himself of it; and thence to England, for fifteen months from date of embarkation on private affairs.

Staff Corps—Capt W S Chamb rs, to the port of embarkation for thirty days from date of availing himself of it, preparatory to furlough to Europe on private affairs.

Madras Staff Corps—Lt Col W H Whitlock, (Wing Officer 9th Mad N I) to the port of embarkation, for thirty days from date of availing himself of it, preparatory to furlough to Europe on private affairs.

Bengal Infantry—Maj H Woodhouse, during duty at Lucknow) to Simla and the adjacent hills, from the 15th April to the 15th Oct, on private affairs.

Indian Medical Service—Depy Surgn Genl H M Cannon M D, (Lucknow Circle) to Bombay, for thirty day from date of availing himself of it to appear before a medical board.

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Before the Honourable SIR CHARLES SARGENT.

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26-76—Jefferson and Payne—Veerjee Jairam vs Cowasjee Lalbhai and another.
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HOUSE OF LORDS.

EEN'S TITLES' BILL.

LONDON, 31st March.

of Richmond, in moving the second he Queen's Titles' Bill, said he be- e of "Empress of India" would be he people of India, and pointed out ption had been favoured by the til the question had been brought n of party conflict.

Somerset opposed the title in the ing, if anything, military power, the arguments put forward by Mr. it was expedient on account of the Russia to the Indian Frontier.

r of Ettrick thought it was desir- atter of policy that Her Majesty e some title distinctly marking her ith India and manifesting to its rinces that their destiny is indis- with the Crown and Empire of

rged the adoption of some other ght that the new title of Empress ow the old title of Queen.

ce advocated a native title.

e repudiated the statement that given to the Bill was due to and declared that no evidence d to show that the people of r for or against it. The dignity Queen would, he thought, be new addition.

f Salisbury said that the Bill Indian grounds, and that it was se a title designating one ruling disagreed with the statement ould not be acceptable to the nd sharply censured the Duke ttributing to the Bill the object yal Family of England to take Courts of Europe.

y urged the acceptance of Lord otion for an address petitioning assume a title more in accordance h spirit.

ancellor said that it was intended ordinarily that the use of the uld be confined to India, but that essary to employ it in legal and nts when describing the full titles gn.

bury's motion was fixed for Monday

NIC IN LONDON.

LONDON, 1st April.

panic in London yesterday, the of which originated through un- rs of a change in the Eastern sia and partly to a rumour of ween Count Andrassy and Count he Russian Ambassador at Vienna. now subsided.

CAVE'S REPORT.

e of Commons last night, Mr. ced that, at the request of the on'ble Mr. Cave's Report on the gypt will shortly be published. Ir. Holt Mackenzie, Privy

OF PRESIDENT GRANT.

WASHINGTON, 1st April.

ant is ill.

WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

LONDON, 31st March.

Sales of Cotton....	53,000	bales.
forwarded.....	9,000	do.
Sales of Surats....	45,000	do.
Imports of Cotton..	27,000	do.
Surats....	15,000	do.

enable the citizens of Bombay to express their opinion on the "Bill to Limit the Jurisdiction of the Civil Courts throughout the Bombay Presidency in matters relating to the Land Revenue" which was passed the other day at Calcutta. This meeting will probably be asked to adopt a memorial asking the Secretary of State to exercise his pow er of veto in this case.

SAYS the gossip of the *World* :—I spoke recently of a young lord who had been on the stage, and it may be interesting to know how far the 'superior' classes are represented in the profession. The sons of Lady Fanny Cole, Lady Harriet Searle, figure there; both being hard-working painstaking actors, though neither has been fortunate. Some of our most popular light comedians are gentlemen born and bred. There is a sprinkling of clergymen's sons. The aristocracy too have a mania for managing theatres. A well-known politico-fashionable countess is, I believe, still proprietor of her father's theatre in King-street, St. James's, and is occasionally seen in her box, 'lady of all she surveys.' The wealthy Earl Dudley arrogantly holds Her Majesty's Theatre as though it were a manger and he the occupant. Lord Londesborough embarked a vast sum in the production of *Babil* at Covent Garden, and is believed to be at present concerned in another venture; while Lord Newry is still nominal lessee of the Globe.

THE Salt Water Swimming Bath at Breach Candy, to the slow progress of which attention has repeatedly been called in our correspondence columns, is, we understand, now quite completed; but some obstacle presents itself to the speedy opening because of a difficulty on the part of the authorities to decide what portion of the community shall be allowed to use it. The difficulty has nothing to do with [illegible]

[illegible] roof and [illegible] love with the gild[illegible] the rail work that forms the extreme limit beneath, and thus makes the whole harmonious. It is necessary, perhaps, to insist a little on this advantage, for other points have necessarily been sacrificed to attain it. A gilded statue can neither be as satisfactory in resemblance, taken by itself, nor as effective artistically, as bronze or as marble. But the true view of the memorial is to regard it as an example of decorative art. Its perfection consists in its entirety. The shrine is as valuable as the treasure which it encloses. We are not to treat the memorial which "Queen Victoria and her people have erected for posterity as a tribute of their gratitude," simply as a statue of the Prince Consort, with suitable surroundings. That would be to miss the whole scheme and design of its originator. The monument of the Prince happily illustrates those arts and sciences which the devotion of his life nobly fostered in the midst of a not too enlightened people. The whole structure is as much a memorial of Prince Albert as the statue which recalls his well-known presence. We see it at last completed after a lapse of ten years, and can welcome it as an answer to that piece of flippant generalisation which proclaims that nothing in this country which attempts to be artistic can be successful.

THE *English man*, commenting on the prohibition by the N. W. P. Government of advertisements of Derby sweeps, very sensibly remarks:—We do not believe the lottery principle when moderately applied, as in these Derby sweeps and raffles for Ecclesiastical or other similar objects, to be in itself vicious, or immoral in the slightest degree. When carried to excess, when fraudulently conducted, when indulged in so greatly as to interfere with honest hard work, each man's duty, when allowed to take the place of work as the chief expectation for livelihood, then this lottery system is mischievous enough. But who can pretend that in the use of raffles and sweeps, as they at present prevail in India, there is anything of this vicious element even probable? At the most, it allows the element of hope to enter into some few lives which might otherwise be hopeless. Many, however hard their work, cannot earn enough to keep themselves [illegible] in anything more than the merest necessaries; many have somehow or other got into debt, and, struggle as they may, they cannot find the means for extricating themselves from the mire into which they have fallen. Left to themselves and their own resources they are hopeless of being able to help themselves, and this despondency greatly paralyses their efforts and their powers. Now, when they come across an opportunity to put a rupee or two into some sweep or raffle; the sum they risk is so small as practically to make no difference to them in their pecuniary position; and yet this same small sum thus risked gives them again the element of hope. They may win; they have something to look forward to, and, if not successful this time, they may be another; and thus their lives are really brighter and happier than they would otherwise be, and the money they have risked goes to the furtherance of some useful institution or work. Where is the immorality in this little venture of theirs? The sporting instinct in human nature is too strong to be put down by any enactments, however arbitrary or stringent. If not allowed to find vent in this harmless way, it will surely break out in some other, and very probably some worse method. Because the lottery system can be, and has been abused—because there seems to be in it an irresistible attraction to rogues—because, when carried to excess, it may have fostered, and may foster again, a reckless gambling spirit amongst the public—this is no reason why its careful, moderate, honest use should be forbidden altogether. Yet this is evidently the feeling that has prevailed with the Government of Bengal and the other Governments, in the action they have lately taken. Instead of waiting till the mischief caused by these little harmless raffles and sweeps was apparent, these Governments, in their paternal care, have stepped forward and pressed the letter of the law in a manner in which we do not believe it was ever intended to be pressed. It is, as the *Pioneer* has justly said, treating us as if we were children not as men. If men choose to risk a few rupees on these races, or in these raffles, why should they not do so? They are surely capable of managing their own concerns, and do not want any of this petty, impertinent interference, however paternal. It will be time enough for such action to be taken, when it can be shown that public morality is endangered, or private fortunes are being recklessly risked and squandered in this way.

INDIAN NEWS-LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

JUBBULPORE, 30th March.

INTELLIGENCE has just been received of a fatal accident at the Mohpani Coal Mines near the Gadarwarra railway station. A few days ago a piece of rock fell in upon the miners, breaking one woman's leg and bruising some men. The woman has since died from the injuries received, but the men are getting on towards recovery. The last accident of the kind at these mines occurred in 1873, and was attended with worse results.

Archdeacon Baly lately visited this station and took the opportunity of reminding the parents and others who went to hear him preach last Sunday of their duty in respect to the Protestant Boys' School recently established by the Chaplain. Notwithstanding, that the institution in question supplies a real want as stated in my letter last month, the residents seem loath to avail themselves of its advantages or even to further its interests. It is not creditable to the Protestant inhabitants of Jubbulpore that the Rev. Mr. Gray should be made to bear all the trouble incident to the establishment of the school; and to render it a success parents should send their children without delay.

The next point is the establishment of a Girls' school. [illegible] is suffering [illegible] provinces entirely up to the level of the new, i. e., to exclude the Courts entirely in all questions of revenue. The present bill would not only deprive the old provinces of less than was at first intended, but would admit the new provinces to a larger measure of Court jurisdiction than they had ever possessed since they passed under British rule. The Bombay Government had been more candid than the memorialists, and had fully recognised the material modifications which had been made in the bill since its first introduction.

Again it was stated in paragraph 9 of the memorial that "in virtue of Section 4 clauses (*c*) and (*d*) and Section 6, any Mamlatdar or Mahalkari, or any other (or their peons) acting in these capacities, may give assistance of this kind and enrich one man at the expense of another, without leaving to the injured man any means of redress, or some round about remedy which will virtually prevent their obtaining redress." This remark had reference to the provision which enabled the Collector to render assistance to superior holders in recovering rents from their tenants; and it was only necessary to refer to Section 5 to see that there was the fullest provision there for all suits between landlords and tenants proceeding without interference, just as they did under the present law.

It was next stated, with regard to what was called *watan* property, that it had "always been dealt with as private property, which could be sold and purchased at one time like all other property." To ascertain how totally mistaken this view was it was only necessary to look at Section 20 of Bombay Regulation XVI. of 1827, which was the old law on the subject, to see that the alienation of service lands was extremely restricted, and could not take place beyond the limits of the family of the original holder, and now Act III. of 1874 of the Local Legislature had perpetuated the same provision in a more explicit and equally definite form.

He might perhaps have occasion again to refer later on to this memorial in a casual manner, but as a whole, he would now dismiss it with an expression of his regret that such a document should bear the signatures of some men whose friendship he valued, and of many whose talents he respected, but whose influence, when thus exerted, he deplored.

He would now pass into another class of objections that had been raised. It was said that the "statesmen of former days wished to make the people here as happy as those of England by conceding to the former the rights and privileges enjoyed by the latter," the question now the object of the bill and the policy of the Government in general in this and other matters was to turn India into 'a mere Empire, governed by a Great Mogul and a host of rapacious tax-gatherers." It was also said that the principle of the bill was "unconstitutional," and the changes were rung upon what was constitutional and unconstitutional in an infinity of forms. He could not but think that those who made objections of this description were not fully aware of what "the rights and privileges of the British people" really were in matters of revenue. The simple fact, however, happened to be that there was "no proceeding in a Civil Court in England for the recovery of over-paid or over-assessed taxes; the aggrieved parties can only apply to the Commissioners" appointed for the purpose, that was to say, to the Revenue officers of Government. And the Court of Exchequer has ruled that it "will not upon motion enter upon any question of rateability to assessed taxes," and that "an assessment under the Assessed Taxes Acts is final and conclusive unless appealed against" to the Revenue officers. That was a broad and general statement which applied more or less to all classes of what might be called the [illegible] being [illegible] the Courts of Session [illegible] regard to such taxation also, [illegible] was perfectly explicit, "that no rate * * * or assessment, order, or any other matter, or thing, made, done, or transacted, [illegible] relating to the execution of this Act, shall be [illegible] removed or removeable by *certiorari* or other writ [illegible] or proceeding whatsoever into any of the superior Courts." But there was further point in connection with the English law which was worthy of notice. That was that the Statute of 43 Geo. 3 C. 99, which was called the Land Tax Act, contained a proviso that at the time of the hearing of an appeal "no barrister, solicitor or attorney, or any person practising the laws, shall be allowed to plead before the said Commissioners on such appeal for the appellant or officers, either upon oath or by writings." And this proviso applied to all appeals which followed this statute. Now he ventured to think, that this was one of "the rights and privileges of the British people," which those who raised an objection of this kind would perhaps admit, on reconsideration, that they would rather not enjoy. And the Council could picture to themselves the number of memorials signed by pleaders throughout the country with which they would have been flooded if the committee had ventured to put such a section as this into the bill before them. He must confess that the allegation of the bill being "unconstitutional" was so far borne out that it did not contain this well-established provision of the English law.

Another point which had been raised was that the line which had been drawn in the bill between different kinds of claims was indefensible. This line the Council would recollect was, that whenever a case or a claim rested upon an express enactment or the provisions of a *sunnud*, or upon a deed, or a judgment, or other specific basis, the Civil Court should decide; but where a case turned upon a tenure, or a custom, or any matter more or less of a technical nature, the Revenue Courts should deal with it. It was said that this line was totally indefensible. Why, it was said, could not the Courts decide as well as Revenue officers on "the genuineness or authenticity of documents," on oral evidence, and on "the validity of informal guarantees?" Why could they not judge of the "political effect of political events more or less distant or obscure," and why could not Government give them all the information it might happen to possess? Now in the first place, with regard to political considerations, it was obviously not the business of the Civil Courts to enter into them; it was the duty of the Civil Court to decide on the evidence before it, and if it were to go wandering away from the specific matters before it into any such general considerations as to how the country ought to be governed, it would be entirely neglecting its own proper functions and trespassing on the domain of the executive Government.

Then with regard to the remaining objections as to documents and so on, he must point out that it had never been said that the Revenue officers were better qualified to decide upon *all* documents and so on, but the allegation was merely in reference to the particular nature of revenue documents and revenue tenures and the like, of which they were supposed to possess special knowledge. With regard to this branch of the subject he would remark that it might be considered from two different points of view. In the first place the forms, principles and procedure of the Courts were necessarily in themselves not so favourable for the working out of elaborate revenue cases which might become precedents, as would be the revenue procedure. The Court was necessarily bound to decide upon what was placed before it; it must go upon the particular statements which might happen to be extracted unintentionally or without full consideration, from individual witnesses, and sometimes under cross-examination. The Court would, perhaps, under some theory of *laches*, refuse to admit in the course of the hearing certain evidence to rebut evidence with which one of the parties considered [illegible] been surprised with. The Court would draw inferences favourable to one party from the absence of evidence [illegible] which would probably have been produced in the Lower Court, if it had ever entered into any one's head that it was required. Many other instances could be given where a Court could not exhaustively and properly deal with this sort of questions, whereas, the Revenue officer was bound to investigate the matter to the bottom; he might send for any information he required. If he could not make out from the complaint, and the evidence upon which it was based, what the case rested on he might send for people considering themselves aggrieved, converse with them, find out what they really meant and deal with the case accordingly. In support of this, Mr. Hope would point out, that if it were not for such essential distinctions in the procedure of the Civil Courts, there would be no reason whatever excepting the difference of Appellate Courts for excluding from the Civil Courts revenue matters in such a province as the Punjab, where the same officer sat as a Judge in the morning and as a Collector in the evening; and there would be very little reason for having a similar distinction as regards similar suits in provinces like the North-Western Provinces where the officers who were the Judges had obtained their posts by simple transfer from the office of Collector, and were just as much up in revenue matters at the Collector himself.

Besides this, he must, however, add that in Bombay there was a special disability of the judicial department for dealing with revenue matters; and it was this, that there the revenue and judicial departments were separated from one another almost, he believed, from the commencement of every individual's service. Instead of passing into the grade of Judge after having been fifteen or twenty years in the country in revenue employ, it was not at all uncommon for young civilians to enter the judicial department as soon as they had passed their examinations, or at any rate, three or four years after entering the service, and when, in a great number of instances, their knowledge of the country and of the people could be at the best but skin deep. He was not now offering any opinion as to whether the system of separation of the two branches in Bombay was a proper system or the reverse. It might be, that this system was highly favourable to the cultivation of judicial knowledge. All that he contended was that it could not also permit the acquisition of revenue knowledge. There could be no doubt that the Bombay Judicial Department as a whole were a body of trained lawyers who were inferior to none in India whether in or out of the Civil Service. All that he contended was, not that they were not so, but that from the fact of their being so, they could not also be trained Revenue officers.

However, let us take, Mr. Hope proceeded, a further illustration of this point. Let us suppose some elaborate revenue case, a case, we would say, in which title-deeds and obscure land tenures were involved, where it was necessary to consult the Revenue records and accounts of the country for a couple of hundred years, where it was indispensable also to know the whole revenue history of the district and the surrounding districts for years before the country had passed under British rule; where documents were a bristling with revenue terms, half of them partially obsolete and there was very little of real law at the bottom. Such a case we should probably see taken up in the first instance by an experienced Assistant Collector who would go through it, take evidence, collect accounts and documents, and submit his own view on it to the Collector. The case would then be considered by the Collector, possibly by two or more Collectors, and when it had been thoroughly sifted, it would be handed up to the Revenue Commissioner, who, in Bombay, was an officer of the very highest standing and authority, and had revenue control over one-half of the Presidency. From him it would go up to the Government, and if there was any legal point in it, the legal adviser of the Government would no doubt be consulted. It would then be taken up by the Revenue member of the Council and finally the orders of the Government would be issued.

On the other hand, we might imagine the same case in the hands of the District Court and the High Court. We should find the Courts, and the counsel on both sides striving with great zeal, honesty, and ability, to make out what the whole thing was about. We might find dictionaries of doubtful authority consulted as to the meaning of revenue terms; we should probably find one side or the other pinned by the Court to casual statements made by individual witnesses. Old printed reports about one thing might be supposed to apply to another really quite different. We might also find a whole mass of papers and accounts, perhaps some four or five hundred, handed over to the translators down at the presidency, papers in regard to some of which the entire value depended upon some idiomatic term of the native language; and the result of such translation might be somewhat similar to what might be that of an English charter or title deed some two or two hundred years old, being rendered into Hindoostani by a European. And on these data the Court, with great care and industry would give as good a judgment as it could. And yet, after all, if it so happened that the decision of the Court was different from the decision of the chain of Revenue officers, we should probably at once find a whole series of persons who would be ready to denounce, as something little less than criminal, the views which the Revenue officers had taken. We would be told that this was a just judgment, giving the people their rights, of which over-zealous and indiscreet, if not rapacious and dishonest revenue officers, had banded together in order to deprive them. Yet on what principle could such an assumption be defended? Would the very parties who put it forth, act upon a similar assumption in the relations of private life? Suppose a man's house was leaking, would he call a consultation of doctors; or if his health was affected, would he convene a committee of engineers? The only ground upon which Mr. Hope could understand such an assumption being tenable, would be the assumption of the utterly and intrinsically monopoly of all equitable feeling, knowledge, and common sense. He need scarcely say, that no Judicial officers would ever dream of claiming such a monopoly as that, which was practically ascribed to them by their too zealous advocates.

Mr. Hope was well aware, that it might be said that this argument went too far; that altogether, it proved a great deal too much. It might be said that if the Revenue Courts were really as good as he tried to make them out to be, we ought to hand over to them the decision of all Revenue matters between private parties, and not merely those in which the Government was concerned. There were three answers to this objection; first—that usually private relations were not by any means so complicated as, and were more of the nature of simple contract than the relations between the State and the subject. Likewise it might be said, that where the State was involved, the interests were more important than mere private interests; because, although it might not matter to the nation generally whether A or B had a particular piece of land, it mattered very much to them, whether or not they were all to be taxed in order that A might enjoy an exemption. Thirdly, he might add, that to a certain extent, we did at present entrust such matters to the Revenue Courts. In the Burma Land Revenue Bill, for instance, which was passed not long ago, there was an express provision that if the Civil Court found any doubt about the status and rights of a land owner, it was to stay proceedings, and refer to the Collector to decide the question. Similarly with regard to rent. We were all aware that rent suits had been in various parts of India transferred from the Civil Courts to the Civil Courts only recently, and there was still a great difference of opinion whether this transfer was a wise and workable one or not.

He would now change the subject to another point. It had been said in the memorial of the Hon'ble Vishvanath Narayen Mandlik and others, that the Courts were "the only specific assurance to the people of the justice and sound policy which actuated Government in its dealings with its subjects." And the decisions of the Civil Court again had been said by another party to be in "ninety-nine cases out of a hundred against the Government." Now he was not prepared with a return of the whole of the civil suits in the Bombay Presidency and their general result. But he did happen to have a return of the suits tried in the large collectorate of Surat for nine years, a decade of years the years 1866 and 1874 both inclusive. This was a period, as it so happened, during which a series of the most important interests were dealt with in that collectorate. Nearly the whole of the alienations were disposed of under the provisions of Act VII. of 1863, the Summary Settlement Act, and thousands upon thousands of cases of disputed extent, tenure, &c., were investigated and decided. Besides that, the revenue survey was introduced throughout the whole collectorate; and finally, the city surveys, which related to land-property in large towns, were carried out in the town of Surat with a population of above 100,000, and in two other towns with a population of 10,000 and 15,000 respectively; so that, altogether it would have been difficult to select a period in which these terrible fellows, the Revenue officers, could have worked more havoc amongst the rights of the people, or in which the protecting genius of the Civil Courts might have been more needed, to throw the ægis of law over the oppressed. Yet, what were the facts? There were altogether within those nine years, 101 suits, of which he might remark, that very nearly one-half were either instituted before he had anything to do with the collectorate, or related to matters which had happened independently of him. He merely happened to have had the troublesome [illegible] of deciding most of them. If we deducted [illegible] points in which [illegible] whose numbers, and of which were now pending, we got a balance of 85. Of these 53 were decided entirely in favour of Government; 5 more were partially decided in its favour; 2 were withdrawn by the plaintiffs themselves, and 3 more, which Government had gained, were still under appeal, which made 63 to the credit of the Government. On the other hand, 15 had been won by the plaintiffs, 5 had been compromised by the Government, including 2 in which the Government had got favourable decrees in the Lower Court which they did not think it safe to pursue, as the wording of the law was doubtful and contrary to the intentions of the Legislature, and two were under appeal. That made 22 cases given against the Government as against 63 decreed in their favour; or in other words, instead of 99 out of every 100 cases going in favor of the people, three out of every four were decided in favor of the Government. Now, he could only say that this was a most specific assurance to the people of the justice and sound policy of the Government," as stated by the Hon'ble Vishvanath Narayen Mandlik and the other memorialists, they were assured by very little, and it seemed to him that it would be more appropriate to apply the action of the Civil Courts than to the bill before the Council, the language of the Hon'ble Mr. Vishvanath and his fellow memorialists, namely, that "it was a sweeping measure of exceeding stringency, and as against the subject, with but a small modicum of utility." He could scarcely understand such enthusiastic advocacy of popular resort to the Civil Courts on the part of the Hon'ble Mr. Vishvanath Narayen Mandlik and friends, except by supposing that they adopted the somewhat hackneyed maxim, though well known, had not yet found a place in legal text books, that "a woman, a dog, and a walnut tree, the more you beat them the better they be."

It might be asked, if the Government generally won all these suits, and the people liked it, why should you alter the law? The Canara case had been decided in your favor; six Ratnagherry cases have been decided in your favor; the Chief Justice has delivered an extra judicial speech in your behalf. What more can you want? Cannot you let well alone? It was true that the users of this argument were equally ready with the answer, that they would not have lost such and such a case. Therefore, of course, "the fate of the Revenue Jurisdiction Bill is sealed." However, letting that pass, he would but observe, that the change was required because of the enormous amount of friction, the immense delay, and the waste of time and money which all these suits caused; because of the political embarrassments which Sir Barrow Ellis had explained to the Council and the fiscal difficulties involved in even single erroneous decisions which Mr. Hobhouse had dwelt upon and because as he himself had already said the Government could not look to individual suits, but to the broad general principle of any measure which they were considering.

He had now only one more point to refer to, and it was this. It was said that, "however just and independent Revenue officers may be, it cannot but be that their minds are perhaps unconsciously biassed in favor of the Government," and it was asserted as a matter of fact, that they were prejudiced, and did habitually decide in favor of the Government and to the detriment of the people. Now, he thought that those who made such allegations as these, did not bear in mind that a Revenue officer had two interests, as had been pointed out by the late Mr. Townsend, Mr. Hobhouse; and that the one in favor of keeping the people quiet, of collecting the revenue smoothly, and so gaining with his superiors the character of a man of tact and moderation, who could rule his district to the benefit of the Government and the satisfaction of the people, prevailed more, so far as he had experienced infinitely more, than the mere desire to add a few rupees to the revenue, which would perhaps never be secured away by the Accountant General. Such an accusation, too, could at best apply only to the men who were quite in the lowest grade of superior Revenue officials, who might perhaps sometimes get over-interested in a case they had worked out in detail. It could not apply to all the superior officers who were often, perhaps, much more ready to criticise, the acts of those below them than to adopt the views which they offered. On the last occasion on which he had the honour of addressing the Council, he had referred to the conscientious liberality of the Revenue officers themselves, who he knew from his own experience, and otherwise, habitually decided, and had decided thousands of cases in favour of the subject which if they had been referred to the Civil Courts under the rigid rules by which the Courts were conducted, have been decided in favour of the Crown," and in support of this he should like to lay before the Council one illustration. It was that of the city surveys. These surveys involved the setting out of boundaries of all properties in large cities, and enquiries into the tenures and titles under which they were held, and the names of the parties possessing them, as also the measurement of the whole and the issuing of title deeds. In short these surveys were a matter of the very greatest importance, and it was said when they were first started that the rights of the people would inevitably be trampled on by the Revenue officers, with much more of the same sort of declamation, as we had been favoured with in this matter. These surveys had now been completed in four large cities, Broach, Surat, Bulsar, and Rander, after having lasted over a period of above ten years. In Broach with a population of from 30 to 40,000, the survey had lasted five years, and seven different officers had been engaged on it. The number of [illegible] was 20,047, the *sunnuds* issued were 9, 96, but the appeals were only 445, or little more than two per cent., though a considerable portion of them were decided in favour of the appellants. As to civil suits, there were only three, of which one was decided entirely in favour of the Government, another partly so, and the third was withdrawn on the death of the plaintiff. Again in Surat, with a population of 107,000, the survey had lasted nine years, and there were ten different officers engaged on it. The decisions were 47,133, the *sunnuds* issued were 26,000 and the appeals 491, or scarcely more than one per cent. This was not from any want of encouragement to appeal, because nearly one-half of the appeals were decided in favour of the appellant. The civil suits were 19; of these 3 were still pending, 10 were decided in favor of the Government, and out of the remaining 4, one was lost and 3 were compromised by the Government to others, two of them, because it was not thought will to push on appeal. The interpretation of law which did not very well express the intention of the legislature. At Bulsar, with a population of about 15,000, there had been 5,247 decisions, and at Rander about the same number, with the same other general features. Only one question, involving ten cases, had been taken to the Civil Court, and decided against Government. Now consider ing that these surveys had lasted so long a time, and that these cities were so large and rich, containing a population of wealth and intelligence, that there was an abundance of educated pleaders about the District Court, and that there was also there "Her Majesty's opposition," who might be counted on one's fingers, but who were always ready to make the most of everything that occurred, Mr. Hope thought that if the Revenue officers had possessed any such biassed, indiscreet and rapacious tendencies as were ascribed to them "what was bred in the bone must have" come out in the flesh," and this whole district have been driven into outcry or rebellion. Yet the fact was just the reverse. It appeared to him that this imputation of bias to the Revenue officers was as unjust and unreasonable, as would be the opposite allegation that the Civil Courts had a tendency to consider every Collector as a wrong doer, and to yield readily to the fascinations of posing in the attitude of protectors of the poor. Both would be equally false and unbearable, and such allegations were both unjust to the great department at which they were levelled, and unworthy of the quarter, whatever it might be, from which they proceeded.

In conclusion he would briefly recapitulate the grounds on which the Council were asked to pass this measure. First of all, the state of the law was uncertain, so uncertain that we had the leading pleaders of Bombay at issue with their own Chief Justice and High Court. The law likewise was exceedingly anomalous, as it was found, that in the newly-pro ince there was an unnecessary expl sion of the Civil Courts, while in the old provinces there was an extreme admission of them, so extreme as to be greater than that which existed in any other part of India or even in the United Kingdom. Further, this uncertainty and extreme admission of the Courts was not unlikely to lead to consequences which were embarrassing both financially and politically; and the chances of such embarrassment were enhanced by the peculiarity of Bombay Judicial officers not also having revenue experience. Upon those who objected to the bill lay the burden of showing why one portion of the Presidency of India should be treated quite differently from the rest of India and England, and that they had altogether failed to do. On the contrary, they had been obliged to take refuge in a variety of exaggerations and misrepresentations which had been more or less fully exposed. Under these circumstances, he thought the Council might pass the bill without hesitation, in the full confidence that it would redress the glaring anomalies which now existed, and remove the risk of complications and difficulties in the future.

BOMBAY.

GOVERNMENT WORKHOUSE.—There were twenty-eight European vagrants in the Government Workhouse yesterday.

FURIOUS DRIVING.—A shigram driver, named Rubea Jyram, was on Saturday fined Rs. 10, by Mr. Dossbhoy Framjee, at the Girgaum Police Court, for driving his vehicle on the Grant Road in a rash and negligent manner.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.—Sittaram Ramdeen, a hack stable keeper, was on Saturday fined Rs. 5, by Mr. Dossbhoy Framjee, at the Girgaum Police Court, for cruelly torturing his horse, by allowing it to be used while in an unfit state.

STEALING A BOAT.—Soma Hurry and Seenor Soma, two boatmen, were on Saturday sentenced to four months' hard labour each, in the Common Jail by Mr. C. P. Cooper, at the Fort Police Court, for stealing a toney, valued at Rs 45, the property of Hurry Jaanoo.

THE SASSOON DOCK.—The Golden Horn left the dock on Tuesday, the 28th March and proceeded to sea on Wednesday. The Arch-Druid entered on the 29th idem and the Ettore A. B. Lloyd's, on the 31st. The vessels now in dock are the Cerdic, Arch-Druid and Ettore.

OLD OFFENDERS.—Two noted characters, named Jowlia Balloo and Mahadoo Rama, were on Saturday sentenced to six months' hard labour each, in the House of Correction, by Mr. Dossbhoy Framjee, at the Girgaum Police Court, for stealing a quantity of wearing apparel belonging to Jyram Wittoo.

H. M.'s HOUSE OF CORRECTION.—There were in all 359 prisoners in H. M.'s House of Correction yesterday. Of these 104 prisoners were under sentences by the High Court, 219 by the Magistrates of Police; 1 by the Court of Petty Sessions, 29 by military courts-martial and 6 by naval courts-martial. Of the prisoners 300 were natives and the remainder 59 Europeans.

H. M.'s COMMON JAIL.—There were in all 315 prisoners in H. M.'s Common Jail yesterday. On the criminal side there were 257 prisoners including 18 women, of whom 42 were non-labour prisoners and 215 for hard labour. On the civil side there were 58 prisoners, including 5 women, of these latter 17 prisoners were under warrants from the High Court and 41 from the Small Causes Court.

SUICIDE.—A Coroner's inquest was held on Saturday at Bazaar Gate Street, on view of the body of Manockjee Nusserwanjee. Deceased was about 45 years of age and had been suffering for some time past from some chronic complaint. It appears that when he was taken seriously ill, he told his relatives that he had taken two [illegible] to assemble during himself. Upon the evidence addressed, the following verdict was returned by the jury:—"That the death of the deceased was caused by his having committed suicide by taking a poisonous dose of arsenic."

COLABA BRANCH DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated at the Colaba Branch Dispensary during the quarter ending on the 31st March 1876, amounted to 887, of which 271 were new admissions. Among the latter there were 151 Hindoos, 25 Mussalmans, 27 Parsees and 68 native Christians; adult males 116, females 53 and children 102. The most prevalent complaints during the quarter were intermittent and remittent fevers, diarrhœa, bronchitis and rheumatism.

RECOVERY OF VALUABLE PAPERS.—Ten Government promissory notes of Rs. 1,000 each (4½ per cent bonds) were handed over by a *reckla* driver No. 226, named Bewa Bapoo, on Friday night last to Mr. Superintendent Crummey of the B division. It appears the driver stated that these papers were found lying in his *reckla* after discharging the four passengers that had come by his vehicle that night from the Fort. They were two Parsees, a Hindoo and a Mahomedan. The last man was the Mahomedan that left his *reckla*. When he found the valuable papers and offered it to the Mahomedan he refused to take them, stating that they did not belong to him. Consequently he handed them over to the police officer. On Saturday morning a Parsee, named Soorabshaw Ardaslir, appeared before the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Mills, and claimed them as his property. On a clear and satisfactory identification being tendered by the claimant, the notes were returned to him on which the Parsee by way of remunerating the *reckla* driver for his honesty and trouble gave him a sum of Rs. 10, which was accepted, but apparently with much dissatisfaction.

FORSAKING THE FAITH OF HIS FATHERS.—We learn that the newly-appointed Bishop of Bombay is a son of the late Major C. D. Myine, of the Bombay Army, well known in Bombay (where he resided for many years) as an earnest evangelical Christian, actively engaged in connection with the Bible Society, the Tract and Book Society, and other evangelistic agencies here. At the time we knew him he and his family were connected with the Free Church of Scotland. His son is 32 years of age and must have been born in India, we suppose. Nothing could have been further from the thoughts of Major and Mrs. Myine than that their son should become a High Churchman in the Church of England. A daughter of theirs was married to the Rev. Mr. Hudson, a clergyman of the Church of England, who [illegible] in attempting to ascend one of the high Alps.—*Bombay Guardian.*

THE DECCAN COLLEGE.—We hear that an anonymous petition has been forwarded to the Director of the Educational Department, and the said petition has been referred to the Principal of the Deccan College for enquiry. If the author is found out he should be expelled the College. It is said that the petitioner has complained therein that no attention is paid towards educating the students of the College.—*Poona Observer.*

SMALL POX IN BOMBAY.

THE number of small-pox patients under treatment in the several hospitals on Saturday morning and the number of admissions, discharges and deaths in each hospital from Friday morning to Saturday morning was as follows:—At the J. J Hospital, 16 under treatment, no admissions, 2 discharges and no deaths. At the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, 4 under treatment, 1 admission no discharges and no deaths. At the European General Hospital, 15 under treatment, no admissions, 4 discharged and no deaths.

At the following Municipal small-pox hospitals there were on Saturday at the Moody Bay 15 Arthur Bunder 8, and at Camatepoora 10 patients under treatment. The total number of deaths from small-pox registered on Saturday was 26, of whom 15 were Hindoos, 9 Mahomedans, and 1 European. These deaths occurred in the following localities:—Esplanade, 1; Market, 2; Mandvie 1; Chuckla, 1; Cumercarry, 4; Dhobie Talao, 1; Kharra Talao, 2; Khetwady, 1; Dongree, 2; Girgaum, 3; Tarwaree, 1; Camatepoora, 2; Byculla, 3; and Mahim 1.

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DISGRACEFUL SCENE AT THE GRANT ROAD THEATRE.

ON Saturday night a number of the Bombay public were favoured with the novel sight of a theatrical manager gratuitously fixing a gross insult upon a large, good-humoured, and thoroughly appreciative audience. Friday and Saturday were the "last nights" of the Lewis's Company at the Grant Road Theatre. On Friday evening, the company played *Cinderella*, and chiefly through the efforts of Mr. H. Aveling in the character of Clorinda, the heroine's imperious and disagreeable elder sister, the performance was a complete success. Mr. Aveling's make-up was perfect, and his imitation, or rather burlesque, of the peculiar airs and graces which characterise some members of the female sex was admirable, and elicited roars of applause.

On Saturday night, the theatre was filled to excess, many people being unable to obtain seats, while many others could not gain admission. There were several causes which contributed to draw the exceptionally large audience. In the first place, it was the company's last night,—and among those who have witnessed their performances they have become popular; and secondly, it had been announced that Mr. Lewis would appear on the stage and give a history of his experiences as a theatrical manager during the last 36 years,—a narrative which it was naturally expected would be of some interest. Pygmalion and Galatea, the first piece on the programme, was perfectly successful. Mrs. Lewis playing Galatea with her usual grace and spirit, and Mr. Aveling excelling his former efforts in the character of Pygmalion; and the audience appeared greatly pleased, and applauded the piece heartily throughout.

Directly after the curtain fell Mr. Lewis made his appearance, and instead of the narrative of interesting stage reminiscences which was expected from him, treated his patrons to a most vulgarly impertinent and insulting speech, which was at once an envenomed tirade against the Indian public, and the Bombay public especially, and a malicious reflection on the characters of the members of his company. Mr. Lewis appears to have made up his mind to resign from the position of theatrical manager, and having been disappointed with his latest speculation, as being a losing instead of a profitable concern, he has fallen into a humour not uncommon among chagrined and disappointed men, and has taken to reviling and calumniating everybody about him.

Having—probably on the generally received principle that even the most trivial circumstances in the lives of great men are of interest to the inferior masses—informed the house that he commenced his career as a theatrical manager 36 years ago, at the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, Mr. Lewis went on to tell his favourite audience that he had since pursued his profession in most parts of the world, and had always studied to conduct his performances in a respectable manner, and had chosen to employ actors and actresses who were respectable in preference to those who were not respectable,—a very creditable desire certainly, but one, surely, that is much too natural and commonplace for particular self-congratulation. Our exemplary and upright theatrical manager,—a Pharisee among Publicans apparently, in his own opinion,—then told a large and respectable Bombay audience, almost in so many words, that the reason why the Bombay public had not adequately supported his company's performances was that he was much too moral a man to suit their vicious and depraved tastes,—in short, that they would not attend his theatre because he would not allow "a lot of young women" who had been placed under his care by their parents, to "go astray," or in other words, "to go about with every 'counterjumper' or 'cad' who may have thought proper to take them." After bringing a general charge of drunkenness against his company, Mr. Lewis came to the statement of the real grievance that rankled in his breast, contained in the assertion that during the seven months occupied by his tour in India he had been losing at the rate of Rs. 500 a month. In Bombay, he said, his expenses had been, on an average, Rs. 350 a night, and his company had often played to a house paying no more than Rs. 60 or Rs. 80. Next, Mr. Lewis had a cut at the Bombay newspapers, asserting that they had treated him unjustly and damaged his speculation by publ

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Mr Gilmour and friend	Mrs Tennard and child
Mr D Blayney	The Rev A Robinson
Mr Fraser	Mrs Trotter
Mr and Mrs Geo Samuels and two children	Mr and Mrs Wicks and four children
Mr H J Moore	Capt J DeB Lynch
Mr Deighton	Miss Richards
Mr J F Baird	Mr J B Skerrett.

THE LOST CURRENCY NOTES.

THIS case was resumed on Saturday, at the Fort Police Court, before Mr. Nana Morojee, in which Hurrychund Wittoobha, the accountant and book-keeper of the Bombay Co-operative Society's Stores, stands charged with dishonestly misappropriating Rs. 570 in Government currency notes, belonging to Mr. Frank Bailey, and also further charged with the theft of the said property.

Mr. Payne, (of Messrs. Jefferson and Payne, solicitors,) conducted the case for the prosecution, and Mr. Shantaram Narayen appeared for the defence.

At the opening of the adjourned proceedings, Mr. Shantaram offered to refund the amount if the prosecutor will withdraw the charge against his client.

Mr. Payne replied that he would gladly accept the offer especially as the prosecutor is not a resident of Bombay and is bound to time, besides which he will be greatly inconvenienced in carrying out this action, provided that the money was paid through the Court and the withdrawal of the charge by the sanction of the Magistrate, as it would be unfair on his part to act otherwise.

His Worship declined to interfere in the matter, consequently the case was proceeded with.

The evidence of the Parsee clerk of the Oriental Bank who paid the notes to Mr. Bailey on the day in question, also that of a young man, named Lester, of the Paper Currency Department, who detected one of the notes when brought for exchange by the Marwarree, named Nowla Mulee, and also that of Mr. Storrar (of the firm of Messrs. Storrar and Buchanan) who are the secretaries and agents to the Bombay Co-operative Society, were taken.

After which the case was adjourned to the 4th instant, on application by the counsel for the defence, in order that he might cross-examine the two Marwarree witnesses in this case, on certain points which it is necessary for Mr. Shantaram to be further instructed by his client, the defendant.

A DYING DECLARATION.

MR. DOSABHOY FRAMJEE, the Second Magistrate of Police, proceeded about noon on Saturday last to the J. J. Hospital, and took the following depositions of a Mahomedan, named Buccunkhan Fakookhan, who is alleged to have been assaulted on the 28th instant by three other Mahomedans and his now lying in a precarious state at the said hospital from the effects of the assault committed upon him on that date.

Buccunkhan Fakookhan, on oath, deposed—I am a weaver and my place of residence is near the race-course at Byculla. I carry on my business in the same place. On Tuesday last, at about 12 o'clock noon, this police constable No. 579E, came to my *karkhana* (workshop) where I was working. He was accompanied by two men, one of them was Gajoo. I do not know the name of the other. The said sepoy ordered me to come out. I asked him why I was wanted. He replied "come out I will tell you." I then went to my room to dress. After I had dressed I came out of my room, when I found two men, whose names are Kaloo and Mujur, standing there. Gajoo and the other men who had come with the sepoy were standing near my *karkhana* door, which is ten paces distant from the door of my room. Kaloo and Mujur asked me to go along with them. I said I would go with the sirkar's sepoy. They insisted upon my going with them to the door of Kaloo's *karkhana*, which is about 50 paces distant from my room. When we reached this place many persons were standing there and Kaloo called out to them, "what are you looking at, beat them." Mujur then took up a crow-bar from Kaloo's *karkhana* and struck me a blow on the head. One Rahimbux then gave me a blow on my forehead with a bamboo stick. Kaloo then called out "Kill him," upon which one Yacoob who held a knife in his hand came up to strike me. I raised my right hand to defend myself when he struck me on this finger with a knife. A man, named Herati, then gave me a blow on the back of my neck with a bamboo stick. Three other men then gave me blows with sticks on my back. Two of these men are known by the name of Abdoola. I don't know the name of the third man. I do not know what occurred afterwards as I became insensible. When I recovered my senses I found myself in this hospital. While I was being beaten as I have now described, the police constable No. 579E, was at my door near my *karkhana*. He did not come to my assistance. Gajoo's iso remained with him. The assault took place in [illegible] the front of [illegible] *karkhana*. There is no storey above [illegible] Kaloo's *karkhana*. I and my brother Mahomed Ali Khan last year had an altercation with some persons who were living on the upper storey of my brother's *karkhana* and who had thrown night soil upon my brother. Kaloo and the persons who have now assaulted me are the friends of those persons, and Kaloo and Mujur often said they would beat me when an opportunity afforded itself.

I am suffering great pain. I do not know whether I shall live; my life seems to be in danger.

The above deposition was being concluded when the three parties, named Kaloo, Yacoob, and Herati, alleged to have assaulted the deponent, were brought in by the police to the hospital and placed before the informant, and the above information was read and interpreted in the presence and hearing of the three prisoners. The informant was then re-sworn. He identified the three prisoners as the parties alluded to in the above information.

Cross-examined by the prisoner No. 1, Kaloo,—I did not hurt myself on the head by the iron stanls of my window in attempting to escape nor did I fall down.

Cross-examined by prisoner No. 2, Yacoob.—It is not true that you came to the spot after the assault was over. You took part in assaulting me.

Cross-examined by prisoner No. 3, Herati.—You were not looking at the *tamasha*, you assaulted.

An hour after this deposition was taken, the three prisoners, Kaloo, Yacoob, and Herati were charged at the Girgaum Police Court, before the same Magistrate with voluntarily causing grievous hurt to Buccunkhan Fakookhan on the 28th ult.

Mr. Morojee Cassinath appeared for the defence. The case was postponed for further hearing to the 8th instant.

A SUIT BY THE LONDON BANK DISMISSED.

A SUIT brought by the Bombay agent of the London Bombay and Mediterranean Bank against Bhanjee Joothani and Dowjee Hamraj was decided last week by, Sir Charles Sargent at the High Court. The defendants were described in the plaint as "trading under the name of Dowjee Bhanjee of Bombay, Hindoo merchant, residing in a house situate at Musjid Bander without the Fort of Bombay," from whom the plaintiffs claimed to recover Rs. 1,000 for calls, together with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum from 24th October 1870 till payment and costs of the suit. The defendants denied they ever applied for or accepted any shares in the plaintiff's company, or that they were contributories thereof; and alleged that they had for many years past carried on business under the style of "Dowjee Bhanjee and Company" at their place of business Moody Bazaar, and that they never resided at Musjid Bunder as alleged in the plaint. They further denied receipt of the Chancery Court's balance order of the 26th January 1871, or that they ever had any notice of the plaintiffs' claim upon them until they were served with the summons in this suit. Of the issues raised, the most material one was whether the defendants or either of them applied for or were or was allotted any shares in the plaintiffs' company? Mr. Taylor, for the plaintiffs, contended that the issues was immaterial, having already been decided by the High Court of Chancery. His Lordship thought that the register must be rectified or the suit must fail. He could only read the contributories' list and balance order as relating to an individual "Dowjee Bhanjee"; the Court could not pass judgment against any one but the person so named in the register and as their Courts had no power to rectify the register, the plaintiffs had come to the wrong Court. There was not a scintilla of evidence to lead the Court to the conclusion that "Dowjee Bhanjee" meant the same person as the two defendants. Mr. Taylor applied for leave to withdraw the suit, with liberty to file a fresh one. The defendants' counsel opposed the application; and his Lordship thereupon raised an additional issue whether the order of the 26th January 1871 created a cause of action against the defendants? Finding this issue in favour of the defendants, his Lordship dismissed the suit with costs.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Starling, instructed by Messrs. Lynch and Tobin, were counsel for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Mayhew and Mr. Lang, instructed by Messrs. Rimington, Hore, and Langley, for the defendants.

HINDOO REFORMERS.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

31ST MARCH.

WHILE the members of the local Prarthna Somaj are engaged in considering the advisability of abandoning the various idolatrous practices in their domestic concerns, actuated by the pressing appeal addressed to them at their last anniversary day by one who signed himself "Moral Courage and True Reform," it is a great relief to be in a position to announce that an admirer of the local Arya Somaj has overcome the superstitious of his caste and inaugurated a reform which ought to be imitated by every Hindoo who has lost faith in the Brahminical doctrines now prevalent in the community. Mr. Hurrychund Chintamon, the well-known photographer and the late Gaekwar's agent in England, has, during this week, performed the *Moony* ceremony of his son, strictly in accordance with *Vedic* rights, under the directions of the renowned Swamy Dayanund Saraswati. To witness this, therefore, a pretty large number of the educated had assembled in Borbhat Lane, Girgaum, on Thursday morning (the 30th March) at 8 A.M. The principal among them were these: Mestin Wood, Esq., the editors of the *East Gofter* and of the *Bombay Samachar*; Mooljee Thakursee, Esq.; Modhowdas Roognathdas, Atmaram Bapoo Dalal, Girdharlal D. Kothari, (President of the Arya Somaj); Anundrao Bhaskarjee, Hurrychand Shamrao, (Interpreter High Court); and fifty others of the Marathi and Gujarati sections. The chief beauty of this celebration was its simplicity contrasted with the usual din and waste of grains and money that follow, or rather engross the investiture ceremony in its ordinary process. There was no installation made of any idols either in metals or grains, and no procession from the house of the parents to the house of his future *Gooroo* or spiritual teacher, with tom-toms and a nalkini (dancing girl) to boot. There were only the recitation of *Vedic mantras* at the sacrificial fire in praise of the Almighty on the first day; on the second day the actual initiation into study was made by the Swamy in person, who made the future student repeat the *mantras* indicative of sundry promises by the boy to his *goorco* or spiritual teacher, with him in future. The whole of the text of the *mantra* was explained to the boy by the Swamy in Hindee in respect of his objects of worship, of those of his future study, and of his observances towards God, his parents, wife, and fellow creatures. It was particularly impressed upon his tender mind that he was expected to be a *man* and not to be a servile sycophant. At the request of the host, Mr. Atmarama Dalvi interpreted the same in Marathi to the ladies that had assembled to witness this interesting ceremony. All were pleased with the happy result of the event, as no opposition or failure occurred to mar the scene. It was to be wished fervently that the Prarthna Somajists will follow in Hurrychund's footsteps and leave off hypocrisy to their great credit and relief.

A CRUEL MURDER.

At the High Court, Appellate Side, on Monday, the 27th ultimo, before the Hon. the Chief Justice Sir Michael Westropp and the Hon. Mr. Justice Melvill, the case—the Queen *vs.* Satti Bali Kom Basopa and Rama bin Mudkapa,—for murder was disposed of.

This was a case in which the two accused were tried and convicted at a Court of Criminal Sessions, held at Belgaum, before C. F. H. Shaw, Esq., Session Judge, on the 14th February last of having murdered Sun Kencha bin Rama at Naliapur, in the district of Belgaum, on the 10th January 1876, and were both sentenced to death, which sentence was subject to the confirmation of the High Court.

The circumstances of this murder are briefly these. It appears on the evening of Monday, the 10th January, Tagina, witness in this case, and his brother Sun Kencha, whose death is the subject of enquiry, who are Pujaries of the idol Khandoba, situated in a temple in Khonawa limits left their village Dongowdun-patti to proceed to the temple. The road lay through the village Naliapur, about 400 paces distant, and about some distance further is the temple. The accused, Sathi Balli, mistress of Sun Kencha, lives in Naliapur, and Sun Kencha made some excuse to his brother to go into the temple while he remained behind, but promised to follow. He did not follow; but Lagina being aware of the attraction in Naliapur thought nothing of his absence and went to sleep, from which he was aroused about 4 A.M. of Tuesday by a Shetsandi telling him Sun Kencha was dying in the house of Satti Balli, prisoner No. 1. Lagina proceeded thither and found Sun Kencha speechless and insensible and breathing stertoriously, and shortly afterwards he died. Sun Kencha, it appears, was a strong, active young man, of about 26 years of age. Soon after Lagina and the jurors examined the body, there was a mark on the throat and a small cut below his groin. Satti Balli gave out that Sun Kencha asked her to leave her caste Lingait and join his caste Berud, and on her refusal he said he would commit suicide or kill her; but she was not believed, partly because of the cut below his groin and partly because the peg from which it was said he had suspended himself was loose in the wall, and the rope said to have been used was thought to be too light, and there was no mark of a rope round the neck. The Patel however, it appears, did not cause the house, a wretched shed of Satti Balli, to be searched, but sent the body of Sun Kencha with Satti Balli to Gukak and himself accompanied, where the hospital assistant made a very perfunctory *post mortem* examination, and he considered death was occasioned by suffocation, though he found small wounds and scratches under the groin and on the throat of the deceased. The accused woman Satti Balli was then sent back to Naliapur, in order that further enquiry might be instituted. She, it appears, adhered to her first statement until the Friday following, when she admitted that she had drugged Sun Kencha, at the instigation of Rama, prisoner No. 2, in order that he also might share her favors, but with no intention of causing death; but that when he was stupefied from the drug, Rama appeared, inflicted the injury below the groin of Sun Kencha and twisted his neck and persuaded her to say he had committed suicide. In support of this statement she gave up a packet which Dr. Hughes proves contains seeds and pulverised seeds of dattura. As soon as Satti Balli made this admission Rama was arrested, after which sufficient evidence was adduced to prove that these parties were in company together on the night of the alleged murder, and it is further shown that there has been a dispute between the family of Lagina and Sun Kencha and the family of Rama, arising out of idol service, and that Sun Kencha took a most active part in that dispute, also that Rama, prisoner No. 2, had formerly kept Satti Balli, prisoner No. 1, but had partly discarded him for Sun Kencha, and Lagina at the commencement stated that he suspected Rama and Satti Balli had murdered Sun Kencha, and ultimately the Sessions Court came to the conclusion that Satti Balli and Rama jointly caused the death of Sun Kencha which he met at their hands by violence, partly owing to the administration of dattura, partly to shock to the nervous system by the injury under his groin, and partly [illegible] not cause his death by his own acts.

This case was carefully considered on the week previous by the Hon. Mr. Justice Melvill and the Hon. Mr. Justice West, the Judges who composed the Court of reference, who, being divided in opinion as to the insufficiency of the evidence to sustain the conviction against the second prisoner Rama, the case with their opinion was referred to the Chief Justice under the provision of Section 271 B of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The following decision was arrived at after two sittings of the Honourable Court.

The Court (the Hon. Mr. Justice Melvill and the Hon. Mr. Justice West) sentences the prisoner Satti Balli to transportation for life.

The Court (the Hon. the Chief Justice Westropp and the Hon. Mr. Justice West) confirms the sentence of death passed on Rama Madkapa.

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